

# HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC APPRENTICE, CALTRANS Open

**Exam Code: 6TRAT** 

**Department: Caltrans** 

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Salary: \$2,768.00 to \$3,958.00

### INTRODUCTION

Caltrans is pleased to announce the posting of the **Heavy Equipment Mechanic Apprentice, Caltrans** examination. Employment from this examination will be offered in all Caltrans Districts and Sacramento County.

### **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Caltrans is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

### DRUG FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. All applicants will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, as the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this announcement may apply for this examination.

### **FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Online Examination must be submitted by the final filling date listed on this bulletin. MAILED, FAXED, OR E-MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE ACCEPTED.

### TO ACCESS THE ONLINE EXAMINATION VISIT:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016-HEMA

### **SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have a disability and wish to participate in one of our testing services, programs, or activities and require a specific accommodation, please mark the appropriate box for Question #2 on the Examination Application form STD678. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

### **POSITION STATEMENT**

Under close supervision as an indentured apprentice, perform progressively skilled work in the construction, repair, and maintenance of heavy highway and automotive equipment; and perform other related work.

### **ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION**

A Departmental Open statewide eligible list will be established for the Department of Transportation in all Districts and Sacramento County. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the list in order of final scores, regardless of date. Competitor's eligibility will expire twenty-four (24) months after placement on the eligible list unless the conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the final filing date. Your signature on the application indicates that you read, understand, and possess the minimum qualifications required, and that the information provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Click on the link below to review the California State Personnel Board class specification which contain the requirements for admittance to the exam:

http://calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/pages/3714.aspx

# **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Possession of a valid Class C driver license. (Applicants who do not possess the license will be allowed to compete in the examination, but the license must be obtained prior to appointment.) and

Either I:

One year of experience performing work in automotive or diesel repair or a related technical field.

#### Or II:

A minimum of four units of completed course work in either an automotive or a diesel mechanics curriculum in an accredited college or recognized trade school. (Applicants currently enrolled in qualified courses may be admitted to the examination but must have the required units prior to appointment.)

### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

This examination will consist of an Online Examination weighted 100%. Candidates will be required to answer multiple choice questions related to: Basic Arithmetic and Mechanical Principles, Application of Mechanical and Automotive Principles, and Reading Comprehension. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be attained.

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# **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

#### **Knowledge of:**

- 1. Basic arithmetic and mechanical principles
- 2. Basic automotive or diesel repair including fabricate, construct, assemble overhaul, service, install, and diagnose

#### Skill in:

1. Performing basic automotive or diesel repair

#### Ability to:

- 1. Communicate effectively as required for successful job performance and at the level of instructional materials (including, but not limiting to, safety, operations, and shop repair manuals) used in the Apprenticeship Program
- 2. Learn rapidly
- 3. Follow directions
- 4. Apply mechanical principles
- 5. Make satisfactory progress in the prescribed academic and practical work in an approved apprentice program for a Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- 6. Read, write, and understand English
- 7. Frequently stoop, bend, kneel, crouch, push, pull, reach, twist, lift, carry, and climb
- 8. Operate forklifts and hand operate material-handling devices
- 9. Lift objects weighing up to 50 pounds

# SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Possess work habits such as punctuality, skill, neatness, and dependability; desire to improve knowledge and efficiency by completing related courses and jobs as directed; effective study and time management skills; accept direction on proper techniques and methods by mentor mechanics; and work well with others.

### ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Possession of a valid Class A or B driver license; and additional college course work in automotive or diesel technology.

# SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for positions in this class are required to pass a drug-screening test. (The drug-screening test will be waived for employees who are currently in a designated "sensitive" class for which drug testing is required under State Personnel Board Rule 213.)

# **VETERANS' PREFERENCE**

Veterans' Preference will be applied to those competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested, Veterans' Preference through the California Department of Human Resources. Veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference.

# **CAREER CREDITS**

Career Credits will not be added to the final score of this examination.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information regarding this examination, please contact the examination analyst at (916) 227-6854.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**Caltrans** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and the ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

If High School Equivalence is Required: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis. (Remove if high school equivalence is NOT required.)

**Veterans' Preference:** Pursuant to Assembly Bill 372, Veterans' Preference will be awarded as follows, starting January 1, 2014:

- 1. Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an open examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list.
- 2. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference.
- 3. Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status (Permanent State civil service status means the status of an employee who is lawfully retained in his/her position after completion of the applicable probationary period. This includes permanent intermittent, part-time, and full-time appointments. In addition, individuals who at any time achieved permanent State civil service status and subsequently resigned or were dismissed from State civil service are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference).

Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (CalHR Form 1093) which is available at <a href="https://jobs.ca.gov/Public/Jobs/Veterans.aspx">https://jobs.ca.gov/Public/Jobs/Veterans.aspx</a>, CalHR, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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